

Approved Minutes
Caledonia Central Supervisory Union
PEACHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
Annual School Board Informational Meeting
Monday, March 3, 2025
In Person & by Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Mark Clough, Andra Hibbert, Alex MacLean, Diana Senturia, Superintendent Matt Foster, Assistant Superintendent Mike Moriarty, Principal Sam McLeod, members of the public.

Sam McLeod began the meeting with a school overview, talking about the school's monthly community dinners, as well as their food bank offerings, and visiting options available at the school. Peacham School is a centerpoint of the community. Sam welcomes the public to the school to be partners in providing additional learning opportunities and activities for students. He reviewed Peacham School's Pillars of Learning in a slideshow, which included academic best practices, positive citizenship, community connections, social-emotional wellness, and outdoor education.

Matt Foster presented a slideshow with an overview of the FY26 budget:

- Budgeted expenditures increased \$155,768.00, 5.8% overall, due to secondary tuition (grades 7-12) and healthcare costs.
- Budgeted decreased expenditures were SU assessments (driven by a Special Education decrease), elimination of the After School Program, and a staff reduction of 0.2 FTE. Total decrease of approximately \$100,000.00.
- Changes in revenue.
- Factors affecting the tax rate.

Mark Clough made a comment on behalf of the Board, complimenting Sam and the community for their assistance in the budgeting efforts around sharing resources between schools, and offering activities formerly funded by the school through community partner programs. This will be explained further during the town meeting. Mark reviewed the motions prior to the budget vote for meeting day.

The Board and Superintendent took questions from the audience.

Meeting adjourned by Mark Clough.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Ellie Keefe